to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Strategy for **agriculture growth for the Eighth Plan**

1261. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any strategy for agriculture growth has been worked out for the Eighth Plan-

(b) if go, details of the same; and

(c) the percentage of agriculture growth envisaged during Eighth Plan, compared to that of the 6th and 7th Plans?

THE MINISTER OP STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OP AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) The Eighth Five Year Plan has **not** yet been finalised. It is, therelore, not possible to provide the details of the strategy for agricultural growth in the Eighth Five Year Plan including any comparison with the growth in the Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans.

Prevention of drag addictions in Calcutta

1262. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will **the** Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a recent Survey on drug addicts in Calcutta has revealed that there are 68,518 heroin addicts in Calcutta which is ghost 1.6 percent of the total population; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to fight this drug menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Financial assistance has been provided th$_e$ voluntary organisations **for** setting up two deaddiction centres for treatment of drug addicts and five counselling centres in Calcutta. Financial assistance has also been provided to voluntary organisations for undertaking awareness building programmes against drug abuse. State Government is also actively involved in education programmes for prevention.

Food Ministers Conference

1263. SHRI CHITTTA BASU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Ministers of States met at New Delhi on the 5th July, 1989;

(b) if so, what wer$_e$ issues raised and discussed; and

(o) the final outcome of the meet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH . RAM); (a) A meeting of the Advisory Council on Public Distribution System which has as it£ members the Food and Civil Supplies Ministers from States/UTs and others wag held in New Delhi on 5th July, 1989.

(b) and (c) The following were the main issues discussed in the meeting:

(1) Adequacy of fair price shops in tribal, desert and remote areas, etc.

(ii) Strengthening of monitoring arrangements for Public Distribution System.

(hit) rationalisation of margins of FPS owners.

(iv) Door-step delivery of PDS items to fair price shops.